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Application Number	10/007,772			
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First Named Inventor	Bristol, et al.			
Group Art Unit	2125			
Examiner Name	Gandhi, Jayprakash N.			
Attorney Docket Number	539.3027.1			

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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	(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).					
	ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on					
	iii. Other					
	b. Enclosed					
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	ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)					
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2.	Miscellaneous					
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	a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)					
	b. Other					
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed					
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## **AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Examiner's last outstanding office action November 10, 2004, together with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Changes to any amended claim are shown by strike-through for deleted matter, or underlining for added matter.

Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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